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In accordance with General Regulation VI.3 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2000/EB.A/2, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme has the honour to present to the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council the following documents for consideration:

(a) Annual report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council;*
(b) Decisions and recommendations of the Executive Board for 2005

* The annual report to the Economic and Social Council and the FAO Council is issued under a separate cover and is contained in document E/2006/14.

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31 January 2005

Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Executive Board elected H.E. Poul Skytte Christoffersen (Denmark, List D) as President for a one-year term.

The Board elected as Vice-President H.E. Mirza Qamar Beg (Pakistan, List B). The representatives of: Angola, Mr Kiala Kia Mateva (List A); Haiti, Mr Patrick Saint-Hilaire (List C); and the Russian Federation, Mr Alexander A. Titarenko (List E) were elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists for a one-year term.

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Milan Pakši (Slovakia) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2005.

31 January 2005

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2005/EB.1/1 **Current and Future Strategic Issues**

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP, including information on WFP's activities in the Indian Ocean region following the tsunami disaster. The main points of the presentation, and the Board's comments, would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

31 January 2005

POLICY ISSUES

2005/EB.1/2 **Definition of Emergencies**

The Board endorsed the recommendations in document WFP/EB.1/2005/4-A/Rev.1. In accordance with decision 2002/EB.A/4, it asked that the Secretariat add the following updated definition of emergencies to the "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies" (WFP/EB.3/2004/4-F):

"For purposes of WFP emergency projects, emergencies are defined as urgent situations in which there is clear evidence that an event or series of events has occurred which causes human suffering or imminently threatens human lives or livelihoods and which the government concerned has not the means to remedy; and it is a demonstrably abnormal event or series of events which produces dislocation in the life of a community on an exceptional scale.

The event or series of events may comprise one or a combination of the following:

a) sudden calamities such as earthquakes, floods, locust infestations and similar unforeseen disasters;

b) human-made emergencies resulting in an influx of refugees or the internal displacement of populations or in the suffering of otherwise affected populations;

c) food scarcity conditions owing to slow-onset events such as drought, crop failures, pests, and diseases that result in an erosion of communities' and vulnerable populations' capacity to meet their food needs;

d) severe food access or availability conditions resulting from sudden economic shocks, market failure or economic collapse — and that result in an erosion of communities' and vulnerable populations' capacity to meet their food needs; and

e) a complex emergency for which the government of the affected country or the Secretary-General of the United Nations has requested the support of WFP.

WFP's emergency interventions will continue to be based on assessed needs, also taking into account any other considerations or criteria that may be decided upon by the Executive Board consistent with the organization's rules, regulations and mandate."

2 February 2005

2005/EB.1/3 **Exiting Emergencies**

The Board endorsed "Exiting Emergencies" (WFP/EB.1/2005/4-B) and requested that the following statement be added to the policy compendium:

"WFP recognizes that a realistic and deliberate exit strategy, planned with government and other partners, and clearly stated at the beginning of an emergency operation, can help to facilitate more effective country responses after the initial stage of an emergency. 'Exiting' for WFP means either (i) the withdrawal of WFP assistance from an emergency operation or from a country, or (ii) a shift to a longer-term programme to protect and improve livelihoods and resilience. WFP will endeavour to ensure that exit strategies become part of its emergency responses, and that principles of good exiting guide future practice.

The overall objective for most emergency interventions is to restore to pre-emergency levels the capacity of communities and vulnerable populations to access food. WFP emergency aid should be part of broader national and international efforts to achieve this outcome, and should be joined with other forms of necessary assistance, including appropriate non-food assistance. Exit strategies from emergencies should aim to withdraw WFP support without compromising communities' regained ability to meet their own food needs. Emergency response, particularly in relation to recurrent shocks, is more effective when it is carried out in the context of a longer-term strategy for capacity-building and resilience."

2 February 2005

2005/EB.1/4 **Annual Report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council**

The Board approved the Annual Report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council, (WFP/EB.1/2005/4-C/Rev.1). In accordance with its decision 2004/EB.A/11 of 24 May 2004, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, along with the Board's decisions and recommendations for 2004 and the present decision.

1 February 2005

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2005/EB.1/5 **Financial Framework for Strategic Priority 5 Implementation**

The Board:

- approved the financial framework for country and regional capacity-building set out in document WFP/EB.1/2005/5-A; and
- took note of the next steps outlined in paragraph 16.

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/6 **Definition of Special Operations**

The Board approved the following amended definition of the special operations programme category in the General Rules as set out in the document WFP/EB.1/2005/5-B:

General Rule II.2(d): Programme Categories

Special Operations Programme Category for interventions undertaken to:

i) rehabilitate and enhance transport and logistics infrastructure to permit timely and efficient delivery of food assistance, especially to meet emergency and protracted relief needs; and

ii) enhance coordination within the United Nations system and with other partners through the provision of designated common services.

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/7 **Business Process Review: Working-Capital Financing**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations outlined in "Business Process Review: Working-Capital Financing" (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-C), and approved:

i) the establishment of a working-capital advance ceiling of US$180 million as per Financial Regulation 10.8 (as amended below) to enable the Executive Director to ensure continued financing of projects pending confirmation of forecast contributions within established risk-management parameters;

ii) the relevant changes in Financial Regulation 10.6 (as shown below) to allow the use of the Operational Reserve to cover cases where a working-capital advance is made but the forecast contribution(s) used as collateral for the advance do not materialize; and

iii) revision of Financial Regulation 8.1 (as shown below) to allow expenditures to be incurred during project preparation in order to fill the food pipeline in advance of the start date.

In addition the Board agreed to the following:

i) working-capital financing would never exceed 80 percent of forecast income for any project;
ii) any "losses" would be written off as they occurred;
iii) there would be an annual cap on "losses" of US$20 million;
iv) the Board would receive at each session a report on business process reforms, including the strengthening of needs assessments;
v) the Secretariat would report to the Board on an information-only basis with regard to expenditures in relation to prefilling a pipeline during project preparation of less than US$20 million, and on a no-objection basis regarding expenditures of over US$20 million;
vi) the Secretariat would limit further roll-out of working-capital financing to seven country operations during 2005; and
vii) the Board would continue its usual consultations with donors regarding this initiative.

AMENDED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (changes underlined)
Financial Regulation 8.1 Approval of a Country Programme, project or operation shall normally constitute authority for the Executive Director to issue allotments, incur obligations and expend resources for the Country Programme, project or operation, subject to signature of the Country Programme, project or operation agreement. However, the Executive Director may incur obligations and expend resources during project preparation, if necessary, to fill the food pipeline for the project for the first three months, not exceeding one quarter of total funding requirements.
Financial Regulation 10.6 Drawdowns from the Operational Reserve shall be restored as soon as possible from the contributions made for the purpose for which the drawdown was made. At the end of each financial period, the Executive Director should determine any such forecast or confirmed contributions that are uncollectable and for which expenditure was incurred and request the Board to approve the replenishment of the Operational Reserve from the unearmarked portion of the General Fund. Such requests shall be made at the time of the presentation of the audited biennial accounts.
Financial Regulation 10.8 The resources of the WFP Fund shall be used exclusively for the operational and support expenses of WFP. Furthermore, resources of the WFP Fund may be used to advance working capital to projects based on forecast contributions up to a ceiling which will be approved and reviewed periodically by the Board.

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/8 **Proposed Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the 2004-2005 Biennium**

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Proposed Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the 2004-2005 Biennium" (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-D).

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/9 **Report of the External Auditor on Financial Reporting Standards of the World Food Programme**

The Board took note of the "Report of the External Auditor on Financial Reporting Standards of the World Food Programme" (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-F).

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/10 **Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor**

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-F).

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/11 **Update on the WFP Management Plan 2004–2005**

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Update on the WFP Management Plan 2004–2005" (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-G).

1 February 2005

EVALUATION REPORTS

2005/EB.1/12 **Information Note on the Implementation Plan of the PRRO Evaluation Recommendations**

The Board took note of the information contained in the "Information Note on the Implementation Plan of the PRRO Evaluation Recommendations" (WFP/EB.1/2005/6-B).

2 February 2005

MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2005/EB.1/13 **Summary Evaluation Report of PRRO 10233.0 in Afghanistan**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in the "Summary Evaluation Report of PRRO 10233.0 in Afghanistan" (WFP/EB.1/2005/6-A).

2 February 2005

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2005/EB.1/14 **Budget Increase to Development Activities — Ethiopia Country Programme 10208.0 (Activity 2)**

The Board approved the budget increase to Ethiopia Country Programme 10208.0 (Activity 2) (WFP/EB.1/2005/7-A).

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/15 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Uganda 10121.1**

The Board approved Uganda PRRO expansion 10121.1, "Targeted Food Assistance for Relief and Recovery of Refugees, Displaced Persons and Vulnerable Groups in Uganda" (WFP/EB.1/2005/7-B/2 + Corr.1).

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/16 **Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0: Updated Annex**

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0: Updated Annex" (WFP/EB.1/2005/8-B).

1 February 2005

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2005/EB.1/17 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Colombia 10366.0**

The Board approved Colombia PRRO 10366.0, "Assistance to Persons Displaced by the Violence in Colombia" (WFP/EB.1/2005/7-B/1/Rev.1).

1 February 2005

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2005/EB.1/18 **WFP's Response to the Tsunami Disaster**

The Board:

- expressed its condolences and deep sympathy with the victims of the Tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean and the countries affected;
- paid tribute to WFP and its dedicated staff's rapid and outstanding response to the disaster, which formed part of the United Nations system's exemplary action, in support of the efforts of national governments;
- noted that members have provided financial support that would make it possible to offer emergency aid and logistics support to 2 million people during a 6-month period;
- noted that the Executive Director would consult members of the Board on any extension of the emergency response and on any redirection of resources that might be deemed appropriate;
- agreed that efforts should be directed as soon as possible towards rehabilitation and development;
- would examine at an upcoming session plans for WFP action on rehabilitation and recovery as part of the United Nations system's overall efforts towards this goal; and
- noted that the tsunami disaster was but one of the many humanitarian crises around the world where WFP's action is needed.

2 February 2005

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.1/19 **Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2004)**

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2004)" (WFP/EB.1/2005/8-A).

2 February 2005

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2005/EB.1/20 **Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2005–2006)**

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2005–2006)" (WFP/EB.1/2005/9).

1 February 2005

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2005/EB.1/21 **Funding Arrangements for United Nations Staff Safety and Security**

Having considered the Executive Director's proposal for the establishment of a funding mechanism for WFP to cover all staff safety and security-related costs, as set out in "Funding Arrangements for United Nations Staff Safety and Security" (WFP/EB.1/2005/10 + Corr.1), the Board:

- agreed with the Executive Director continuing to support the Secretary-General in implementing a strengthened and unified security-management system for United Nations staff around the world and advocating for the central funding of related security costs in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 59/276;
- authorized the use of the General Fund on a one-off basis to fund WFP's share of United Nations staff security management system costs for 2004–2005 up to the total amount approved by the General Assembly, plus WFP's costs for the Malicious Acts Insurance Policy and contributions to United Nations reform;
- requested that the Secretariat submit to the Annual Session in 2005 a report on the final decision of the General Assembly (A/RES/59/276/XI) and that the financial implications of that decision, along with all other WFP security costs, be addressed in a unified way in the Management Plan for 2006–2007;
- took note of the way forward on this topic as outlined by the Secretariat; and
- underlined that this decision did not prejudice in any way future decisions as to the funding of security costs for WFP.

1 February 2005

SUMMARIES OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2005/EB.1/22 **Summary of the Work of the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2004**

The Board endorsed the draft summary of its Third Regular Session of 2004, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.3/2004/16.

2 February 2005

OTHER BUSINESS

2005/EB.1/23 **Oral Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP**

The Board took note of the oral report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP.

2 February 2005

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Annual Session

Rome, 6–10 June 2005

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Rapporteur	**Mr Emile Essema** (Republic of Congo)

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 2005

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as presented (Annex).

6 June 2005

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Emile Essema (Republic of Congo, List A) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2005.

6 June 2005

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2005/EB.A/1 **Current and Future Strategic Issues**

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments, would be contained in the summary of the work of the session. The Board also took note of the presentations by Mr L. Bâge, President of IFAD, and by Mr K. Morjane, Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees.

6 June 2005

ANNUAL REPORTS

2005/EB.A/2 **Annual Performance Report for 2004**

The Board approved the Annual Performance Report for 2004 (WFP/EB.A/2005/4), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP's performance for the year.

7 June 2005

POLICY ISSUES

2005/EB.A/3 **Strategic Plan (2006–2009)**

Having considered the Strategic Plan (2006–2009) presented in document WFP/EB.A/2005/5-A/Rev.1 in accordance with General Rule VI.1, the Board:

- ***decided*** that WFP should focus its operations on achieving the five Strategic Objectives:
  - saving lives in crisis situations;
  - protecting livelihoods in crisis situations and enhancing resilience to shocks;
  - supporting improved nutritional health status of children, mothers and other vulnerable people;

- supporting access to education and reducing gender disparity in access to education and skills training; and
- strengthening the capacities of countries and regions to establish and manage food-assistance and hunger-reduction programmes;

- ***noted*** that these Strategic Objectives and the longer-term strategic direction will enable WFP to contribute to global efforts towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals and that they are within WFP's mandate and existing policy framework;
- ***emphasized*** the importance of working in close and complementary partnership with other agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals; and
- ***encouraged*** the Secretariat to work towards the following Management Objectives in order to help achieve the Strategic Objectives:
  - build strong partnerships with national governments, the United Nations, bilateral donors, other organizations, particularly NGOs, and the private sector;
  - be the employer of choice for competent staff committed to ending hunger;
  - achieve excellence in implementing efficient and effective programmes;
  - build and share knowledge on hunger to inform combined efforts to end hunger;
  - provide technical and operational infrastructure services to support effective operations;
  - be transparent, accountable and manage risk; and
  - raise resources to meet needs.

7 June 2005

2005/EB.A/4 **Information Note on the Progress of Implementation of the WFP Gender Policy (2003–2007)**

The Board took note of the "Information Note on the Progress of Implementation of the WFP Gender Policy (2003–2007)" (WFP/EB.A/2005/5-C).

8 June 2005

2005/EB.A/5 **Answering the Call to Action: An Update on WFP's Response to HIV/AIDS**

The Board took note of the information contained in "Answering the Call to Action: An Update on WFP's Response to HIV/AIDS" (WFP/EB.A/2005/5-D).

8 June 2005

2005/EB.A/6 **Report on the Management of Evaluation**

The Board took note of the contents of "Report on the Management of Evaluation" (WFP/EB.A/2005/5-E) and looks forward to the results of the peer review planned for 2007.

8 June 2005

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2005/EB.A/7 **Consolidated Financial Report**

The Board took note of the information contained in the Consolidated Financial Report (WFP/EB.A/2005/6-A/1).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/8 **Report of the External Auditor on the Upgrade of the WFP Information Network and Global System**

The Board took note of the information contained in "Report of the External Auditor on the Upgrade of the WFP Information Network and Global System" (WFP/EB.A/2005/6-B/1/Rev.1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2005/6(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2005/6(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/9 **Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor**

The Board took note of the information contained in "Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.A/2005/6-C/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2005/6(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2005/6(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/10 **Business Process Review: Progress Report on Implementation**

The Board took note of the information contained in "Business Process Review: Progress Report on Implementation" (WFP/EB.A/2005/6-D/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2005/6(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2005/6(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/11 **Update to the Management Plan for 2004–2005**

The Board took note of the information contained in "Update to the WFP Management Plan for 2004–2005" (WFP/EB.A/2005/6-E/1).

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2005/6(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2005/6(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/12 **Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)**

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)" (WFP/EB.A/2005/6-F) relating to items considered by the Board at its First Regular Session of 2005.

9 June 2005

EVALUATION REPORTS

2005/EB.A/13 **Summary Report on WFP Follow-Up to Evaluation Recommendations**

The Board noted the information on evaluation recommendation follow-up contained in "Summary Report on WFP Follow-Up to Evaluation Recommendations" (WFP/EB.A/2005/7-B) and OEDE's commitment to implementing the recommendations.

8 June 2005

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.A/14 **Development Project Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2004) — South Africa 10394.0**

The Board took note of Development Project South Africa 10394.0 (WFP/EB.A/2005/10-A).

7 June 2005

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.A/15 **Draft Country Programme — Burkina Faso 10399.0 (2006–2010)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Burkina Faso 10399.0 (2006–2010) (WFP/EB.A/2005/8/1 + Corr.1), for which the food requirement was 66,652 mt at a cost of US$29,925,511 covering all basic direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of the Board.

7 June 2005

2005/EB.A/16 **Draft Country Programme — Ghana 10418.0 (2006–2010)**

The Board endorsed the draft country programme Ghana 10418.0 (2006–2010) (WFP/EB.A/2005/8/2), for which the food requirement was 29,950 mt at a cost of US$16.2 million, representing all basic direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking account of the observations of the members of the Board.

7 June 2005

MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.A/17 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Occupied Palestinian Territory 10387.0**

The Board approved Occupied Palestinian Territory PRRO 10387.0, "Assistance to Non-Refugee Palestinians" (WFP/EB.A/2005/9-C/2).

7 June 2005

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2005/EB.A/18 **Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Development and Recovery Portfolio in Uganda**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in the "Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Development and Recovery Portfolio in Uganda" (WFP/EB.A/2005/7-A).

8 June 2005

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.A/19 **Draft Country Programme — Uganda 10426.0 (2006–2010)**

The Board endorsed draft country programme Uganda 10426.0 (2006–2010) (WFP/EB.A/2005/8/3), the cost of which was US$38.2 million for all basic direct operational costs, and endorsed the supplementary budget of US$20.9 million for all direct operational costs. It authorized the Secretariat to formulate a country programme, taking into account the observations of the Board.

8 June 2005

2005/EB.A/20 **Budget Increases to Development Projects for Executive Board Approval — Tanzania Country Programme 10065.0**

The Board approved the budget revision to Tanzania country programme 10065.0 (WFP/EB.A/2005/9-B).

8 June 2005

2005/EB.A/21 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Kenya 10258.1**

The Board approved Kenya PRRO 10258.1, "Food Assistance to Somali and Sudanese Refugees" (WFP/EB.A/2005/9-C/1).

8 June 2005

2005/EB.A/22 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Eritrea 10192.1**

The Board approved Eritrea PRRO 10192.1, "Food Assistance to Malnourished and Food-Insecure Populations" (WFP/EB.A/2005/9-C/3).

8 June 2005

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.A/23 **Development Projects for Executive Board Approval — Latin America and Caribbean Region Capacity-Building Project 10411.0**

The Board approved Development Project — Latin America and Caribbean Region Capacity-Building Project 10411.0, "Capacity-Building in Support of Food-Based Social-Protection Programmes" (WFP/EB.A/2005/9-A/1).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/24 **Development Projects for Executive Board Approval — Central America Region Capacity-Building Project 10421.0**

The Board approved Development Project — Central America Region Capacity-Building Project 10421.0 "Capacity-Building of Integrated Micronutrient Programmes in Central America and Belize" (WFP/EB.A/2005/9-A/2).

9 June 2005

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.A/25 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation Approved by the Executive Director (1 July – 31 December 2004) — Timor-Leste 10388.0**

The Board took note of Timor-Leste PRRO 10388.0 (WFP/EB.A/2005/10-C).

9 June 2005

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.A/26 **Budget Increases to Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director**

The Board took note of "Budget Increases to Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2004)" (WFP/EB.A/2005/10-B).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/27 **Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director**

The Board took note of "Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2004)" (WFP/EB.A/2005/10-D).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/28 **Use of the Immediate Response Account (1 January–31 December 2004)**

The Board took note of "Use of the Immediate Response Account (1 January–31 December 2004)" (WFP/EB.A/2005/10-E).

9 June 2005

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2005/EB.A/29 **Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2005–2006)**

The Board took note of the "Biennial Programme Work (2005–2006)" (WFP/EB.A/2005/11-A/Rev.1) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/30 **Mechanism for Approval by Correspondence of PRROs and PRRO Budget Revisions**

The Board approved "Mechanism for Approval by Correspondence of PRROs and PRRO Budget Revisions" (WFP/EB.A/2005/11-B).

9 June 2005

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2005/EB.A/31 **Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2004**

In considering "Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January to 31 December 2004" (WFP/EB.A/2005/12-A), the Board noted the country-specific and commodity-specific losses suffered and the corrective actions taken by WFP, governments and other partners to minimize post-delivery losses. It encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were reduced, particularly where under WFP direct management, to seek reimbursement from governments that had lost commodities through negligence, and to continue to report to the Board annually.

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/32 **Information Note on the WFP Commodity Tracking System**

The Board took note of the information contained in "Information Note on the WFP Commodity Tracking System" (WFP/EB.A/2005/12-B).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/33 **Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories**

The Board took note of "Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories as at 31 December 2004" (WFP/EB.A/2005/12-C).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/34 **Information Paper on the Implementation of New Security Management Arrangements**

The Board took note of "Information Paper on the Implementation of New Security Management Arrangements" (WFP/EB.A/2005/12-D).

9 June 2005

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2005/EB.A/35 **Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2005**

The Board endorsed the draft summary of its First Regular Session of 2005, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.1/2005/14.

8 June 2005

OTHER BUSINESS

2005/EB.A/36 **Report of the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP**

The Board took note of "Report of the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP" (WFP/EB.A/2005/14-A).

9 June 2005

2005/EB.A/37 **Report on the Executive Board Members' Visit to the Occupied Palestinian Territory**

The Board took note of the "Report on the Executive Board Members' Visit to the Occupied Palestinian Territory" (WFP/EB.A/2005/14-B).

7 June 2005

2005/EB.A/38 **Report of the Joint Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Azerbaijan**

The Board took note of "Report of the Joint Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Azerbaijan" (WFP/EB.A/2005/14-C).

9 June 2005

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The Board adopted the agenda as presented (Annex).

7 November 2005

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms Tritaporn Khomapat (Thailand, List B) Rapporteur of the Second Regular Session of 2005.

7 November 2005

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2005/EB.2/1 **Current and Future Strategic Issues Facing WFP**

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session. The Board also took note of the presentation by H.E. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, Director, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Executing Agency for Aceh and Nias, Indonesia.

7 November 2005

2005/EB.2/2 **Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative**

Having considered the document on the "Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative" (WFP/EB.2/2005/3-B), the Board:

(i) **took note** of the Concept Note on Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition as agreed by WFP, the World Bank and UNICEF; and of the Executive Director's intention to allocate up to US$1.5 million from 2005 PSA budget to support WFP's participation in the development and launch of a Plan of Action for the initiative;

(ii) **welcomed** the objective of designing a common Plan of Action for the elimination of child hunger in line with efforts to achieve the First Millennium Development Goal;

(iii) **welcomed** the intention of the Executive Director to keep the Board continuously informed on the development of the Plan of Action, including through a consultation with UNICEF and the World Bank at the First Regular Session of 2006;

(iv) **emphasized** the importance of national ownership and partnership to ensure inclusiveness and avoid duplication among partners in supporting national efforts;

(v) **emphasized** that the initiative should provide added value and be complementary to existing initiatives and actions;

(vi) **looked forward** to a discussion at its Annual Session in 2006 on the Plan of Action once it had been produced, including its potential implications for WFP actions and activities, before any operational follow-up action was initiated by WFP.

7 November 2005

POLICY ISSUES

2005/EB.2/3 Response to the Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy

The Board commended WFP on its initiatives to address the recommendations of the external evaluation of the Enabling Development Policy and took note of the information provided in the management response. Further, the Board noted that WFP would require enhanced support from donor and national governments to implement the proposed actions set out in "Response to the Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy" (WFP/EB.2/2005/4-A). The Board would review progress on the implementation of the management response at its Second Regular Session in 2006.

7 November 2005

2005/EB.2/4 The Governance Project

The Board:

(i) **took note** of the information and observations in "Final Report on the Governance Project" (WFP/EB.2/2005/4-C/Rev.1);

(ii) **expressed** its appreciation of the work of the Governance Group, which had led to a significant improvement in the governance structure of WFP and had established procedures that could serve as best practices in the United Nations system. The Boards of United Nations Funds and Programmes would be informed on WFP achievements in this area;

(iii) **underlined** the importance of continuing to review and improve the WFP governance structure. At its Second Regular Session each year, the Board would discuss this issue in connection with the debate on the Biennial Programme of Work of the Board. Where necessary, the debate would be preceded by informal consultations.

8 November 2005

2005/EB.2/5 **Progress Report on Emergency Needs Assessment Implementation Plan**

The Board took note of the update on progress made in strengthening WFP's emergency needs assessments and undertaking the activities in the 30-month implementation plan, as set out in "Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessments: Progress Report on the Implementation Plan" (WFP/EB.2/2005/4-E).

9 November 2005

2005/EB.2/6 **Annual Update on School Feeding**

The Board took note of the information contained in the "Annual Update on School Feeding" (WFP/EB.2/2005/4-F).

9 November 2005

2005/EB.2/7 **Update on the Implementation and Achievements of the MOU between WFP and NEPAD**

The Board took note of the "Update on the Implementation and Achievements of the Memorandum of Understanding between WFP and NEPAD" (WFP/EB.2/2005/4-G). It encouraged WFP to continue its support to this Africa-led initiative and to report back on further achievements.

9 November 2005

2005/EB.2/8 **Common Country Programme Approach**

The Board:

(i) **noted** the Executive Director's approval of the Common Country Programme for Cape Verde;

(ii) **welcomed** in general the CCPD as an important tool in reinforcing the combined and coherent action of the United Nations Funds and Programmes and in promoting national ownership of the programme;

(iii) **invited** the Bureau with the assistance of the Secretariat to examine how the Board's oversight and budget responsibilities could be safeguarded under this new approach and to report to the Board; and

(iv) **would return** to the matter, at the latest, at its Annual Session in 2006.

10 November 2005

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2005/EB.2/9 **WFP Biennial Management Plan (2006–2007)**

Having considered WFP's Biennial Management Plan Budget for 2006–2007, as submitted by the Executive Director in document WFP/EB.2/2005/5-A/1+Corr.1 the Board:

(i) **took note** of the projected operational expenditure level of US$5.1 billion, excluding new emergencies as outlined in Section II;

(ii) **took note** that the PSA budget proposal assumed a minimum funding of 81 percent of the operational budget and may require the use of up to US$66 million from the PSA Equalization Account to offset any potential funding shortfall.

(iii) **took note** that ISC income from new emergencies in 2006–2007 would diminish the need to fund the PSA budget from the PSA Equalization Account;

(iv) **approved** a PSA appropriation of **US$367.5 million** for the following purposes:

— Programme support: regional bureau and country offices	US$123.558 million;
— Programme support: Headquarters	US$37.590 million;
— Management and administration	US$206.359 million;
Total	**US$367.507 million**

(v) **authorized** the Executive Director to allot up to US$20.0 million from the PSA Equalization account to the Capital Asset Fund to cover non-recurring capital expenditure;

(vi) **authorized** the Executive Director to allot up to US$5.5 million from the PSA Equalization account to cover the completion of the capacity-building initiatives started in the previous Management Plan and due for completion in 2006–2007 for RBM and strengthening financial management;

(vii) **approved** an ISC recovery rate of 7.0 percent for another two years. The Board would review and reconsider the ISC rate at its Annual Session in 2006 based on a report of actual 2004 and 2005 expenditures and a comparative analysis with estimated costs to be provided by the Secretariat. The review would be preceded by the Board's consideration at its First Regular Session in 2006 of a report on the potential benefits and consequences of applying a fixed ISC rate or an audited ISC rate based on actual as opposed to estimated costs;

(viii) **authorized** the Executive Director to adjust the PSA component of the budget in accordance with any variation in volume of operations of more than 10 percent from the projected operational level outlined in Section II and requested the Executive Director to report any such adjustments to the Executive Board;

(ix) **approved** the treatment for government counterpart cash contributions (GCCCs) outlined in the document — that all GCCC income be treated as additional support resources to be retained in-country;

(x) **authorized** the Executive Director to carry over expenditures originally budgeted for 2004–2005 that would be more appropriately spent in 2006, up to a maximum of US$7 million, funded from the PSA equalization account, and requested the Executive Director to report any such carry-over to the Executive Board at its First Regular Session in 2006;

(xi) **requested** the Executive Board Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, to set out recommendations relating to the process and timeline for the preparation of the 2008–2009 Management Plan to be provided to the Board well in advance in order to allow for the inclusion of Board members' comments and inputs; and

(xii) **requested** the Secretariat to prepare a report for the Annual Session of the Board in 2006, analysing WFP's cost structure, which would include: an analysis of cost components, including DSC; a review of the amount, sources and uses of the Programme's cash balances together with an explanation of what the Secretariat considers to be an appropriate cash level; a review of the possible need to increase resources available for monitoring and evaluation and a list of additional output indicators.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2005/5-(A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2005/5(A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 November 2005

2005/EB.2/10 **Funding for Effectiveness**

The Board **endorsed** WFP's objective to support beneficiary needs most effectively, as presented in "Funding for Effectiveness" (WFP/EB.2/2005/5-B), and **requested** the Secretariat to submit to the Annual Session of 2006 necessary amendments to the Financial Regulations with respect to the following:

(i) that the definition of "multilateral contribution" be updated as follows:

> "A multilateral contribution is a contribution to WFP to be allocated without restriction and at the discretion of WFP for any programme category, including the IRA, for which the donor agrees to accept the Standard Project Reports and reports submitted to the Board as sufficient to meet the requirements of the donor; a multilateral contribution may also include a contribution in which the donor identifies the programme category only, but places no other restriction on its use, which will be at the sole discretion of WFP."

(ii) that the definition of "directed contribution" be updated as follows:

> "A contribution regarding which the donor requests WFP to direct it to a specific activity or activities or a specific operation or operations and agrees to accept Standard Project Reports and reports submitted to the Board as sufficient to meet the requirements of the donor."

The Board would approve the content and format of Standard Project Reports at its Annual Session of 2006 and may revise these from time to time as appropriate.

The Board encouraged WFP to seek a greater portion of contributions that are multilateral and predictable, given early in the donor's fiscal year without requirements as to their use. The Board looked forward to an analysis and discussion of best practices and comparative benefits of local purchase and cash contributions at its First Regular Session in 2006. The Secretariat was to report to the Board on progress on "Funding for Effectiveness" on an annual basis.

11 November 2005

2005/EB.2/11 **International Accounting Standards**

The Board:

a) **took note** of the information contained in the document WFP/EB.2/2005/5-C/1 and of the proposed changes to the accounting policies and reporting as set out in paragraph 19;

b) **endorsed** the proposed move to international accounting standards;

c) **requested** the Secretariat to report back to the Board in 2006 with:

(i) a progress report on the transition to international accounting standards, including cost estimates and funding proposals;

(ii) proposed changes to the General Regulations, Rules and Financial Regulations;

(iii) a proposed recommendation of the most appropriate external standard for adoption by WFP.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2005/5 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2005/5(A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 November 2005

2005/EB.2/12 **Appointment of the External Auditor**

The Board re-appointed the Comptroller and Auditor General of the United Kingdom as External Auditor of WFP for a second four-year term from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2010.

The Board also invited the Bureau to prepare for a decision by the Board on changes to the Basic Texts with a view to clarifying the procedures for re-appointment of the External Auditor.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2005/5 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2005/5(A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 November 2005

2005/EB.2/13 **WFP Enterprise Risk Management Policy**

The Board approved "WFP Enterprise Risk Management Policy" (WFP/EB.2/2005/5-E/1) and requested the Executive Director to put in place mechanisms to implement the policy, taking into consideration the observations of the Board.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2005/5 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2005/5(A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

9 November 2005

2005/EB.2/14 **Review by the External Auditor of the Dubai Support Office and Fast Information Technology and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team (FITTEST)**

The Board took note of the "Review of the Dubai Support Office and Fast Information Technology and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team (FITTEST): Report by the External Auditor" (WFP/EB.2/2005/5-G) and looked forward to discussing a management response to the Report.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2005/5 (A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2005/5(A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

10 November 2005

EVALUATION REPORTS

2005/EB.2/15 **Synthesis Review of the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC)**

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in "Synthesis Review of the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC)" (WFP/EB.2/2005/6-A).

11 November 2005

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2005/EB.2/16 **Angola Portfolio Evaluation**

The Board took note of the recommendations in "Angola Portfolio Evaluation" (WFP/EB.2/2005/6-B) and of the management action taken, as indicated in the annex, and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by Board members during the discussion.

8 November 2005

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.2/17 **Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Southern Africa Regional 10310.0**

The Board approved the budget increase to PRRO Southern Africa Regional 10310.0 "Assistance to Populations in Southern Africa Vulnerable to Food Insecurity and the Impact of AIDS" (WFP/EB.2/2005/8-C/1).

8 November 2005

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.2/18 **Country Programmes—Uganda 10426.0 (2006–2010)**

The Board approved Country Programme Uganda 10426.0 (2006–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2005/7-A/1) on a no-objection basis for a total of 64,400 mt of food and a value of US$38.2 million for all basic direct operational costs, and approved the supplementary budget for 40,860 mt of food and a value of US$20.9 million for all direct operational costs.

8 November 2005

2005/EB.2/19 **Development Projects for Executive Board Approval — Pilot Development Project: Ethiopia Drought Insurance 10486.0**

The Board approved "Pilot Development Project: Ethiopia Drought Insurance 10486.0" (WFP/EB.2/2005/8-A). It invited the Secretariat to report on the initial results of the pilot project at its Annual Session in 2006. On that occasion, the Board would deliberate on any further involvement of WFP in the drought insurance scheme.

It noted that the Executive Director intended to pursue his contacts with United Nations partners on the development of drought insurance schemes and would report to the Annual Session in 2006.

10 November 2005

2005/EB.2/20 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Great Lakes Regional 10062.2**

The Board approved PRRO Great Lakes Regional 10062.2 "Food Aid for Relief and Recovery in the Great Lakes Region" (WFP/EB.2/2005/8-B/2) for the duration of one year. During 2006, WFP, UNHCR and interested donors would conduct a joint needs assessment mission of the operation at an agreed date and in sufficient time to assess the need for and scope of future programming and for WFP to prepare for the Second Regular Session in 2006 a revised PRRO that would take into consideration the results of the assessment.

10 November 2005

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2005/EB.2/21 **Real-time Evaluation of WFP's Response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami—December 2004–June 2005**

The Board noted the information and recommendations in "Real-time Evaluation of WFP's Response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami—December 2004–June 2005" (WFP/EB.2/2005/6-C/Rev.1), and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised during its discussion.

9 November 2005

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.2/22 **Budget Increases to Protracted and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Indonesia 10069.1**

The Board approved the budget increase to PRRO Indonesia 10069.1 "Assistance to Tsunami Recovery and Nutritional Rehabilitation" (WFP/EB.2/2005/8-C/2).

9 November 2005

2005/EB.2/23 **Budget Increases to Protracted and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Sri Lanka 10067.1**

The Board approved the budget increase to PRRO Sri Lanka 10067.1 "Assistance to Vulnerable Groups for Peace Building in Conflict- and Tsunami-Affected Areas" (WFP/EB.2/2005/8-C/3).

9 November 2005

MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.2/24 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Afghanistan 10427.0**

The Board approved Afghanistan PRRO 10427.0 "Post-Conflict Relief and Rehabilitation in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan" (WFP/EB.2/2005/8-B/1+Corr.1).

9 November 2005

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.2/25 **Country Programmes — Burkina Faso 10399.0 (2006–2010)**

The Board approved Country Programme Burkina Faso 10399.0 (2006–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2005/7-A/2), on a no-objection basis, for which the food requirement was 66,652 mt at a cost of US$29,925,511 covering all basic direct operational costs.

10 November 2005

2005/EB.2/26 **Country Programmes — Ghana 10418.0 (2006–2010)**

The Board approved Country Programme Ghana 10418.0 (2006–2010) (WFP/EB.2/2005/7-A/3), on a no-objection basis, for which the food requirement was 35,169 mt at a cost of US$16.2 million, representing all basic direct operational costs.

10 November 2005

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.2/27 **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval — Guatemala 10457.0**

The Board approved PRRO Guatemala 10457.0 "Recovery and Prevention of Malnutrition for Vulnerable Groups" (WFP/EB.2/2005/8-B/3).

10 November 2005

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2005/EB.2/28 **Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2006–2007)**

The Board approved the "Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2006–2007)" (WFP/EB.2/2005/10) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

The Board invited the Bureau, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to update the Biennial Programme of Work in the light of the decisions taken at the present session.

10 November 2005

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2005/EB.2/29 Revised Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director for Approval of Projects and Budget Revisions for Development Portfolio

The Board approved the following recommendations relating to delegated authority to approve country programmes and related budget revisions, as contained in document WFP/EB.2/2005/11/Rev.1:

(i) abolition of the 10 percent limit on reallocation of resources between country programme components to facilitate adjustments to country programmes;

(ii) inclusion of changes in orientation of country programme components in the budget revision procedure under the delegated authority of the Executive Director; and

(iii) approval for receiving and programming additional directed resources to country programmes.

The Board would be regularly informed on the use of the delegated authority.

The delegation would apply until the end of 2006. The Board would decide at its Second Regular Session in 2006 on the continuation of the delegation in the light of experience.

11 November 2005

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2005/EB.2/30 Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2005

The Board endorsed the draft Summary of the work of its Annual Session of 2005, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.A/2005/16.

11 November 2005

ANNEX

AGENDA

1. ***Adoption of the Agenda***

2. ***Appointment of the Rapporteur***

3. ***Current and Future Strategic Issues***

   a) Current and Future Strategic Issues Facing WFP

   b) Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative

4. ***Policy issues***

   a) Response to the Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy

   b) WFP and the Right to Food: The Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security

   c) The Governance Project

   d) Update of Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies

   e) Progress Report on Emergency Needs Assessment Implementation Plan

   f) Annual Update on School Feeding

   g) Update on the Implementation and Achievements of the MOU between WFP and NEPAD

   h) Common Country Programme Approach

5. ***Resource, financial and budgetary matters***

   a) WFP Biennial Management Plan (2006–2007)

   b) Funding for Effectiveness

   c) International Accounting Standards

   d) Appointment of the External Auditor

   e) WFP Enterprise Risk Management Policy

   f) Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor

   g) Review by the External Auditor of the Dubai Support Office and Fast Information Technology and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team (FITTEST)

   h) Annual Report of the WFP Audit Committee

   i) Report on the Business Process Review

   j) WFP's Communication and Advocacy Efforts in 2004–2005

6. ***Evaluation reports***

   a) Synthesis Review of the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC)

   b) Angola Portfolio Evaluation

   c) Real-time Evaluation of WFP's Response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami—December 2004–June 2005

Operational Matters

7. ***Country Programmes***

a) ***Country Programmes for Executive Board approval***

- Uganda 10426.0 (2006–2010)
- Burkina Faso 10399.0 (2006–2010)
- Ghana 10418.0 (2006–2010)

b) ***Draft Common Country Programmes***

- Cape Verde (2006-2010)

8. ***Projects for Executive Board approval***

a) Development projects

- Development Pilot Project: Ethiopia Drought Insurance

b) Protracted relief and recovery operations

- Afghanistan 10427.0
- Great Lakes Regional 10062.2
- Guatemala 10457.0

c) Budget increases to PRROs

- Indonesia 10069.1
- Southern Africa Regional 10310.0
- Sri Lanka 10067.1

9. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January–30 June 2005)***

a) Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director

- Cambodia 10170.1
- Djibouti 10385.0

b) Budget Increases to Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director

c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director

- Central African Republic 10189.1
- Djibouti 10283.1
- Haiti 10382.0
- Zambia 10071.2

d) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director

e) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO

10. ***Organizational and procedural matters***

- Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board 2006–2007

11. ***Administrative and managerial matters***

- Revised Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director for Approval of Projects and Budget Revisions for Development Portfolio

12. ***Summary of the work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2005***

13. ***Other business***

14. ***Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations***

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